the fiscal deficit could have been brought down had these arrears been collected as indicated below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	GDP	Fiscal Deficit	% age	Arrear	Fiscal Deficit if arrear were collected	% age over GDP
1998-99	1740935	103737	5.96	44143	59594	3.42
1999-2000	1929641	104717	5.43	52970	51747	2.68
2000-2001	2087988	111972	5.36	59425	52547	2.52

(c) 'Economic reforms' is an on going process under which various aspects of tax administration are periodically reviewed and re-formulated. The Government are aware of the magnitude of the arrear demand and steps, both legislative and administrative have been taken to liquidate the outstanding taxes.

Export of onions from Karnataka

*70. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Karnataka has requested Government to allow export of onion through Karnataka Government agencies; and

(b) if so, the quantity of onion allowed for export through Government agencies for the year 2001- 2002 and 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Government of Karnataka had requested for the appointment of two Cooperative Agencies as additional canalising agencies, one for Bangalore Rose Onion and the other for other varieties.

Bangalore Rose onion, though canalised, can be exported freely without any restriction. The allocation of other variety of onion through these agencies in 2001-02 so far has been 26,500 MTs. As for 2002-03, the question of allocation does not arise at this stage.

Leasing of space at Delhi Airport to Jet Airways

*71. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy regarding leasing out space at airport terminals togetherwith the duration thereof;